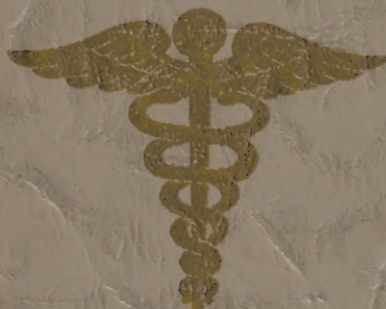


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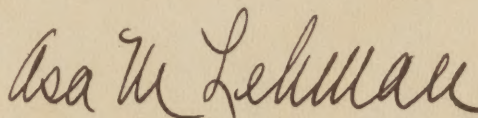
## Christmas Greetings

A spirit of progress is more essential in the building of a hospital than are the bricks and mortar which are used to make its structure. Buildings, no matter how modern and beautiful, are not hospitals until the personnel which make up the staff have become fully imbued with a love for the institution, a desire to serve and a determination to advance.

At the Army and Navy General Hospital every effort has been made to develop these attributes to the fullest. This booklet is prepared for the express purpose of recording the progress and achievements of the past year, in order that all who read these pages may judge how successful we have been in stimulating progress and in adding to the prestige of our institution. While we earnestly strive to provide the ultimate in modern scientific treatment, we sincerely hope that you will find a home here as you regain your health.

It is in this spirit that we approach the holiday season of 1947. We are truly thankful for the opportunity to serve and devoutly pray that benefits derived may be numerous.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and hope that the New Year will be one of fulfillment as it is one of promise.



Colonel, M. C.

Commanding Officer

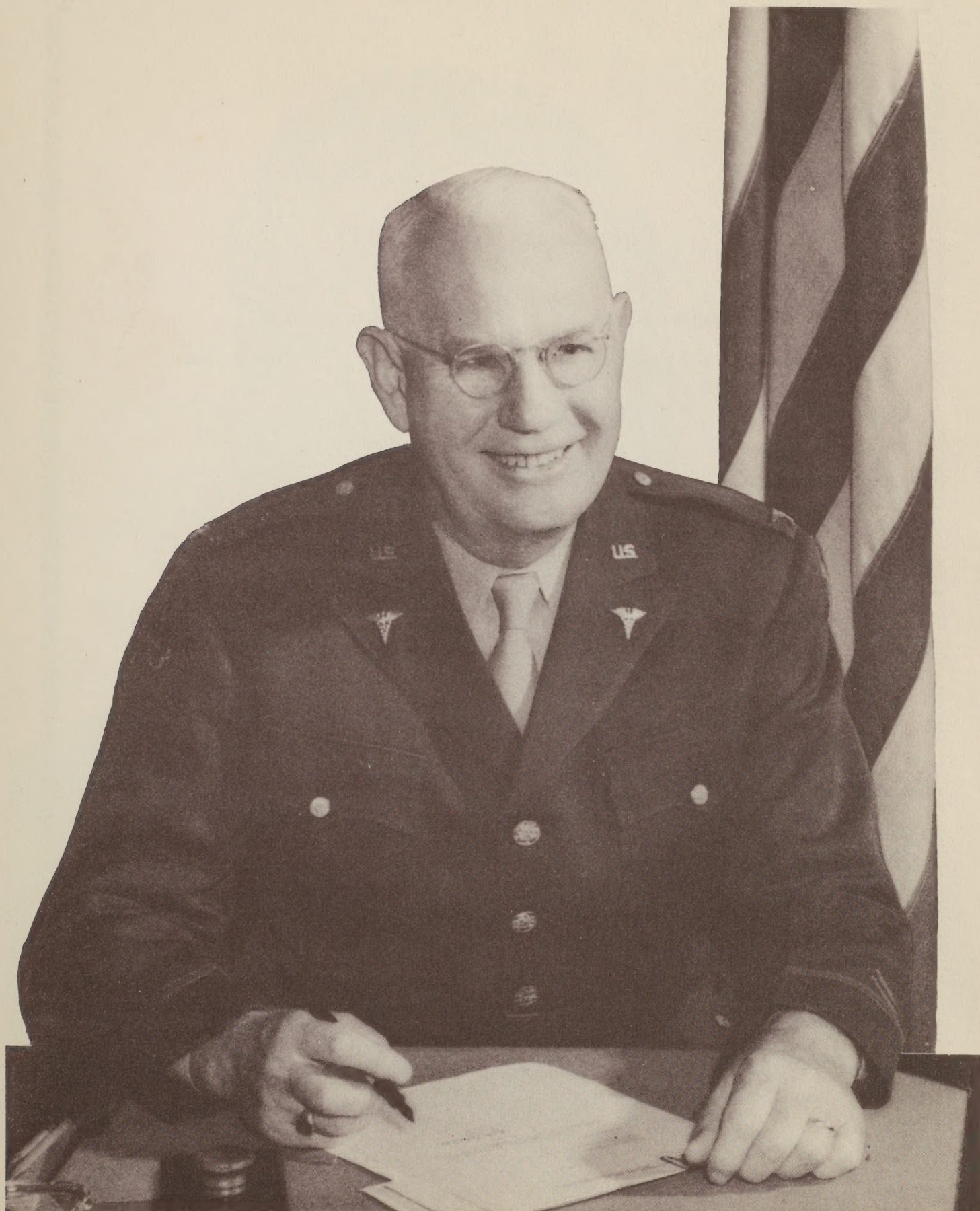


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# *The Commanding Officer*

COLONEL ASA M. LEHMAN





## Christmas Dinner 1947

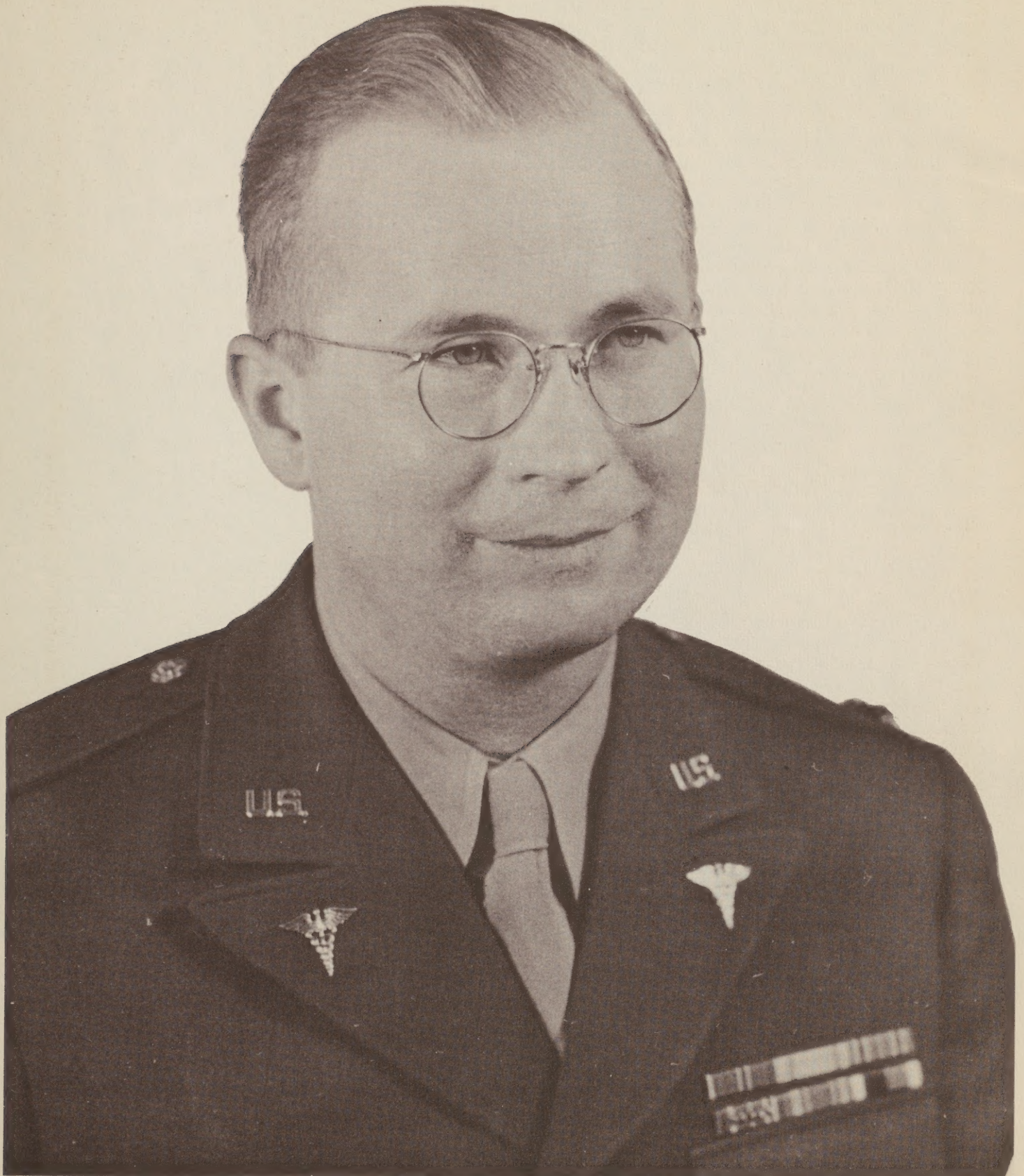
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# The Hospital

Though it is the smallest Army general hospital in America and others have perhaps treated greater numbers of patients, no other can trace its history back so far or boast a more colorful story than Army and Navy General Hospital, which has stood sentinel on a hill above the heart of Hot Springs for 61 years.

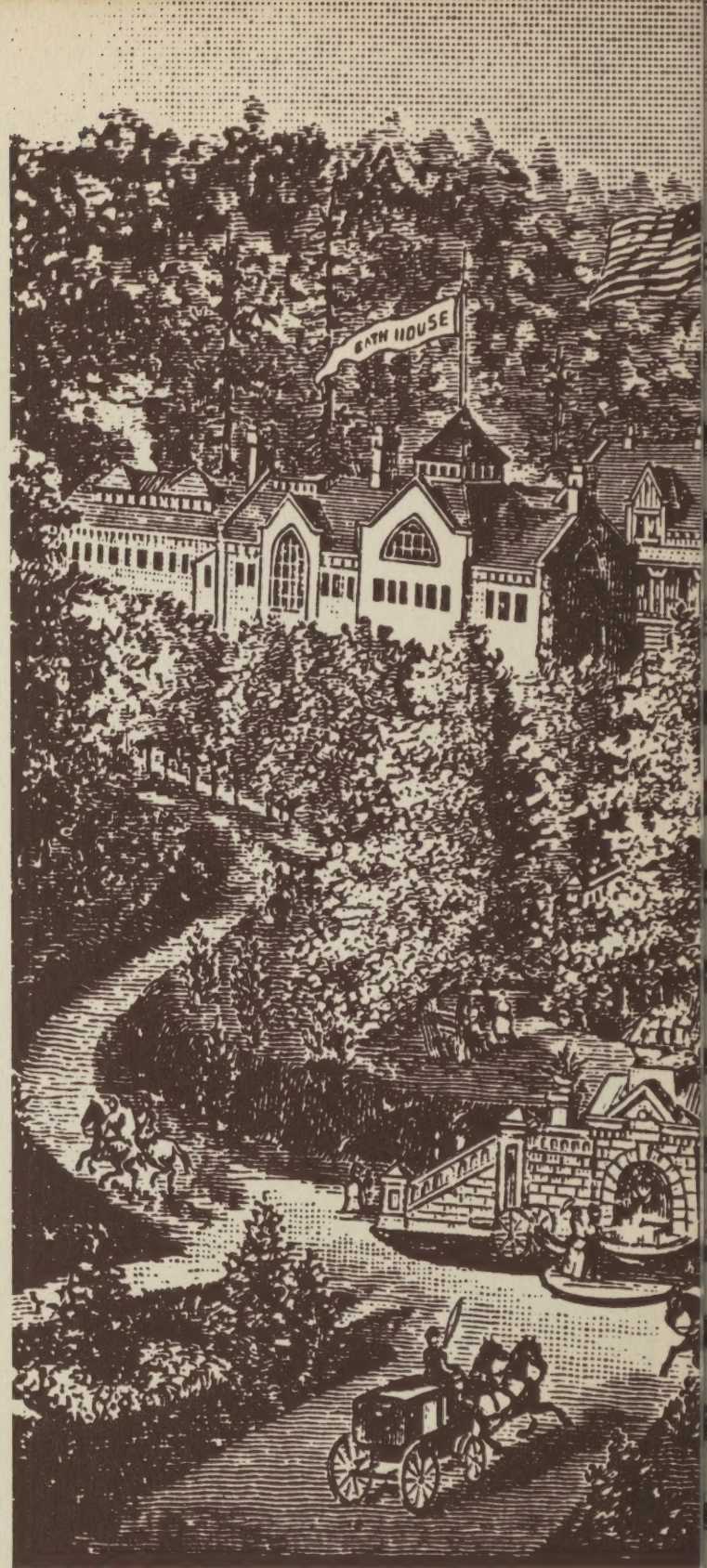
The imposing modern medical center with its marble corridors, spotless clinics and surgery, its eleven wards, nearly 30 acres of scenic grounds, and its 59 neat buildings is the product of 61 years of constant progress and service. Because it was established by act of Congress in June 1882, it is the dean of American military hospitals, the oldest Army general hospital in operation today. Its professional reputation and its beauty are second to none in the land. Sixty-one years of growth side by side with this resort city have engendered a strong respect and cooperation between the two and identified both with a common future.

The modern hospital building, which stands nine stories high against the sky on a hillside a spare block from the very heart of the city and dominates the scenery for miles along the countryside, is the second Army and Navy General Hospital. The first was opened in 1887, five years after Congress had appropriated an initial \$100,000 for a military hospital to be built near the source of the natural hot waters which give this city its name, and four years after the cornerstone was laid.

On January 17 of the year 1887, the first Army and Navy under the command of Surgeon Major R. S. Vickery, was ready to receive patients, and two days later the colorful red brick building of many verandas and cornices welcomed 46-year-old Major Lawson Gaines, from Tennessee and member of the 25th Infantry, as its first patient. During the following month, horse-drawn ambulances brought seven more patients to join Major Gaines, and the ensuing year saw the wards of the hospital busy with about 30 patients.

World War I exploded in 1914; America joined the conflict in 1917; and the number of service men and veterans needing medical care began to overtax seriously the facilities of the sprawling hillside hospital. So it was that the picturesque red building made way in the late 1920's for the second Army and Navy, a fire-proof brick and steel hospital which was built at a cost of a million and a half dollars on the same site and which today represents an investment of more than ten million dollars.

World War II, and the new Army and Navy began again to literally burst at the seams with ever-swelling loads of sick and wounded from battlefields and outposts all over the world. To increase the capacity of the



hospital, normally about a 500-bed institution, the War Department purchased the historic Eastman Hotel just across from and directly below the main Army and Navy





1887

building. Long one of the south's most famous hotels, catering to hundreds of celebrities who swung in fine carriages up the willow drive to its wide veranda for

nearly half a century under the nose of the hospital towering above, the Eastman took only a surprisingly short time to adapt itself to a different type of guests—





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convalescent servicemen. Its suites were quickly converted into wards, living quarters, its ballrooms and dining rooms into recreation and mess halls. It is still

a permanent part of the Army and Navy post, though it is no longer used to house patients.

A far cry from the institution of 1887 and even the





one that opened proudly in 1933 is the Army and Navy of today, a complex and efficient hospital housing every up-to-date medical facility known to the profes-

sion. Since the days of Major Gaines, Army and Navy has treated 95,751 patients, including GI heroes of three wars, and many of the world's most illustrious personalities. . . . General John J. Pershing, George Marshall, President Truman (then a senator), Harry Woodring, Patrick Hurley, General William Hood Simpson of World War II and Ninth Army fame, Senator Alben Barclay, and Admiral Corydon Wassell. Others, unsung and unknown but accorded the same careful care, included countless thousands of fighting men from all branches of the American services, their families, and veterans.

From December 1943 until summer of 1947 Army and Navy was regarded as the Army's center for treatment of infantile paralysis and it was here that a majority of the nearly 1,000 servicemen who contracted the disease during the war were brought by train, plane and ambulance from the remotest points of the globe. It was for a time the largest institution in the country devoted to the treatment of the dread polio disease.

It still operates as the nucleus for treatment and research on arthritis and has served more than ten thousand victims of this rheumatic disease since it was so designated in early 1944. Army medical men stationed here have contributed a wealth of lore to medical science concerning ways to combat the affliction, and the search for new weapons with which to fight it, new methods to help its victims recover, goes steadily on.

Since September 1946 Army and Navy has operated under the command of Colonel Asa M. Lehman, veteran Army medical officer and former commandant of large overseas hospitals during the war years. Colonel Lehman is twenty-second in a line of commanding officers, who have been without exception experienced, well-trained medical men, sincerely interested in the welfare of the institution and its patients.

Army and Navy's consistent goal throughout its 61 years of service has been one of service and of progress, a policy which Colonel Lehman has emphatically underlined throughout his administration. Even while taking stock of its impressive 61-year history, the hospital staff is mapping ambitious plans for improvement and expansion during the year 1948. Engineers envision new quarters for enlisted and officer staffs, a modern new service station, a new recreation building and chapel.

Realization is also possible this year for the post's biggest postwar dream—the dream of a deluxe, 234-acre service recreation center about 12 miles from the city on upper Lake Hamilton. On this big wooded tract of land deeded the hospital by the U. S. Forest Service, engineers hope to build a lodge, athletic field, boathouse, swimming facilities, bath house, and many other recreational facilities—a permanent playland exclusively for the use of patients and staff of Army and Navy General Hospital.





Dr. H. King Wade and the famous Admiral Corydon Wassell were guests at the New Year's party



The Commanding Officer and the Mayor lead the Army Week parade, which was one of the biggest this city has ever staged



Colors in the Army Week parade

## The Year

1947 . . . on the whole a good year, marked by change, achievement, the general contraction that is the aftermath of peace.

The post took on a peacetime look, peacetime pace, made peacetime plans for an optimistic 1947 and gave the year the gayest, brightest send-off since Pearl Harbor with a sparkling New Year's ball in the Eastman Annex.

Easter . . . and a city-wide service dedicated to Army and Navy and the United States Army and broadcast over a nationwide hookup. Then, swift on the heels of Easter, Army Week, with the hospital and the city joining together in one of the most widely-publicized celebrations and biggest parades to be staged in this Arkansas city . . . Relations between the Army and the city hit a new high. The Chamber of Commerce declared in Little Rock, capital of Arkansas, that this service institution and the city of Hot Springs were in complete accord . . .

For the first time since 1941 the patient load fell back to a near normal figure from a high of nearly eighteen hundred during the war years. Military personnel dropped proportionately. And civilian strength hit an all time low of 237 in June, only to climb again in the fall . . .

The basketball team made mild history throughout Arkansas and the Fourth Army area by racking up a record of 28 wins out of 32 games and by garnering second place honors in the Fourth Army tournament at Fort Sam Houston . . .

Lt. Don Gose, Medical Officer, won the singles tennis championship of the city . . .

The 386th Band inaugurated a series of public evening concerts and KANH received wide acclaim for broadcasting a daily program of luncheon music across the city from the tower of Army and Navy . . .

Captain John Tallman, consolidated the Eastman Mess with the Officers' Mess in the main building, the chaplains ordered new equipment for the Post Chapel, and the enlisted men redecorated and reopened their service club on the hill . . .

Housing difficulties got a resounding setback when engineers reopened the 20 sets of apartments in the Eastman Annex for occupancy and started construction on more quarters in Barracks 35 . . .

Major Richard Freeman's Ward Administrative Office welcomed one thousand eight hundred guests to the



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post, including visitors from forty states and foreign countries as remote as Greece. Sgts. William Hill and Waller, who guided them on tours of the post, reported many compliments on both the hospital and the staff . . .

This summer the hospital opened a temporary beach and boat dock on borrowed land on Lake Hamilton off the Arkadelphia Highway. Transformed into a miniature Riviera with sand beach, fleet of boats and gay-striped beach furniture, it was a mecca for patients and staff during the hot summer months . . .

Radiology installed a new \$20,000 machine which is believed to be the only one of its kind in the state and has virtually revolutionized X-ray technique at this installation. The clinic now ranks as probably the best in the state . . .

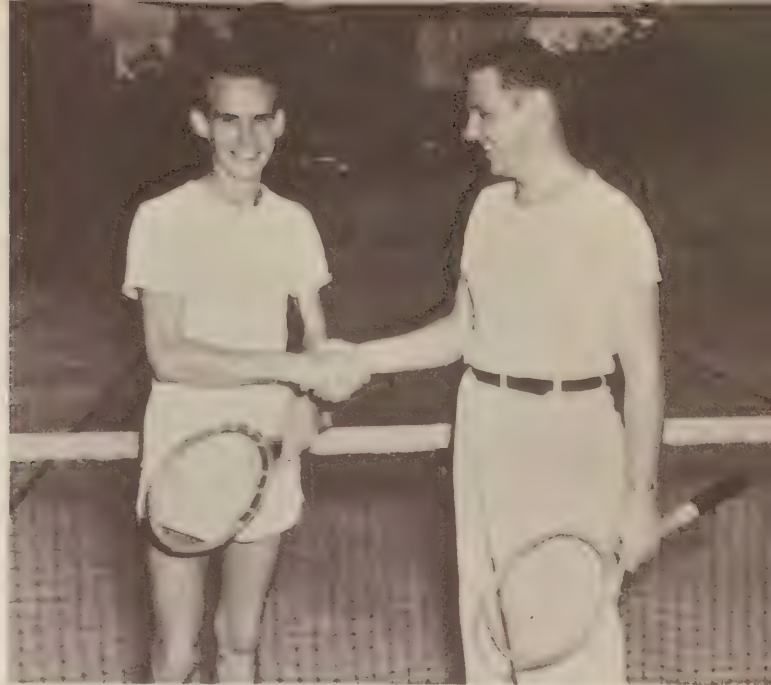
In September the Commanding Officer established a separate Physical Medicine Service under the direction of Major Shires, following the revival of Physical Reconditioning on the wards in June. Doctors in the dental clinic pulled 1,267 teeth and replaced 4,670 . . .

The professional services lost three top-ranking officers since spring through retirement and transfer overseas. First to go was Colonel Leroy P. Hartley, Dental Clinic chief, ordered to France. September saw the departure of Colonel John F. Lieberman, Chief of Medical Service, who retired from the service to become assistant director of Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Florida. Without fanfare or fuss, Colonel Vincent Falisi, Laboratory Chief, departed the post for retirement in early November . . .

General Thomas T. Handy, new Fourth Army commander and former deputy chief of staff to General Eisenhower, visited the post in September to fish and relax, and enjoyed himself so much he promised to come back soon for another try at piscatorial species prevalent in Lake Hamilton . . .

And this month the crowning touch for an eventful year. As the yearbook went to press, the main building was about to get that "new look." For the first time in the 13 years since the modern Army and Navy was opened it is to be redecorated from top to bottom with the most up-to-date furniture available. The first of the furniture has already arrived and by the beginning of the year, Headquarters promises to have new drapes, new furniture, new rugs in the waiting rooms, libraries, sun porches, and lobbies, and spotless new stainless steel equipment in the clinics . . .

Colonel Falisi retired from service in November



Don Gose (right) won the city tennis championship



Farewell to Colonel Lieberman with a party in the Club





The hospital and  
the city joined  
in Memorial  
Day services



We opened a recreation  
beach on Lake Hamilton



The Officers' Club staged  
the first real costume party  
since the war this year



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COLONEL FRANCIS W. PRUITT  
Chief of Medical Service

The record of the past 61 years has instilled in those who serve at Army and Navy a very real pride which has held high the standards of the medical profession, and helped the skilled fingers and nimble minds of the doctors keep its name far out in front of other civilian and military medical centers. Techniques change overnight; staff members come and go. But ever present, from the lowest to the highest echelons, is this spirit, moulding this community of more than a thousand people into a single smoothworking machine dedicated to the service of medical science.

The professional services at Army and Navy are highly specialized, adapting themselves frequently to

## The Medical Service

the latest treatment techniques, modern equipment, and the peculiar needs of the patient group. So it is that the services are separated into six distinct services: Medical, Surgical, Physical Medicine, Radiological, Dental, and Laboratory.

Examining 1947 in retrospect, the Medical Service notes several significant changes, the most noteworthy being the departure September 1 of Colonel John F. Lieberman, retired as Chief of Medical Service after 30 years' service with the Army Medical Corps, and his replacement by Colonel Francis W. Pruitt, Chief of Medical Service at Pratt General, Coral Gables, Florida. Colonel Lieberman had been Medical Chief for more than a year.

Because of several internal organizational readjustments, including the establishment of a separate Gastro-enterology and Metabolic Disease Section, Medical Service now finds itself operating Rheumatic Disease, General Medical, Cardiovascular, Neuropsychiatric, and Gastro-enterology divisions. Accordingly, several personnel changes have occurred and professional duty assignments have been reshuffled, and the latest analysis reveals Colonel Ralph M. Patterson, assistant Chief of Medical Service and Chief of Rheumatic Disease Section; Colonel John T. B. Strode, Chief of General

Colonel Pruitt and the Medical Staff





Medicine; Lt. Colonel Paul C. Sheldon, Gastro-enterology Chief; Captain Edward H. Fischer, Chief of Cardiovascular Section; and Captain Philip Coletta, Neuropsychiatric Section Chief.

Medical Service also operates a consultation service, approved by the Surgeon General and consisting of highly qualified civilian specialists in internal medicine, who make periodic visits to the hospital to examine and recommend treatment for patients, conduct clinics, and assist in the professional training program. In addition, the busy Service conducts its own clinics in dermatology, allergy, pediatrics and cardiovascular diseases, supervises basal metabolism tests, the Medical Library, and furnishes consultation service for other sections of the hospital.

**Rheumatic Disease Section:** At the beginning of 1944 Army and Navy was designated the Army's Center for treatment of rheumatic diseases and since that time more than ten thousand victims of arthritic afflictions have been brought here for treatment from all over the world. During the war years, when the patient load reached its peak, as many as 1032 rheumatic patients were treated here at a time.

Schemes of treatment practiced here for various rheumatic diseases are those in use by leading American rheumatologists and approved by the American Rheumatism Association. Promptly upon arrival the arthritic patient is placed in a ward for examination, diagnosis, and constant care by both doctors and nurses.

The Physical Medicine Service (which includes



COLONEL JOHN T. B. STRODE  
Chief of General Medical Section

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Reconditioning subsections) plays a very considerable part in the therapeutic program of the Rheumatic Disease Section and consequently the very closest co-operation is maintained between the two.

The Rheumatic Disease Section also conducts intensive and vital research aimed at better methods of combatting the ailments. Statistical analyses of admissions and actual clinic tests have thrown light on some of the most obscure aspects of rheumatic diseases. New drugs and deep X-ray therapy have been tried out and their effectiveness evaluated. Many rare diseases of the joints have been uncovered and studied. Findings of

Colonel Patterson and the Rheumatic Disease staff



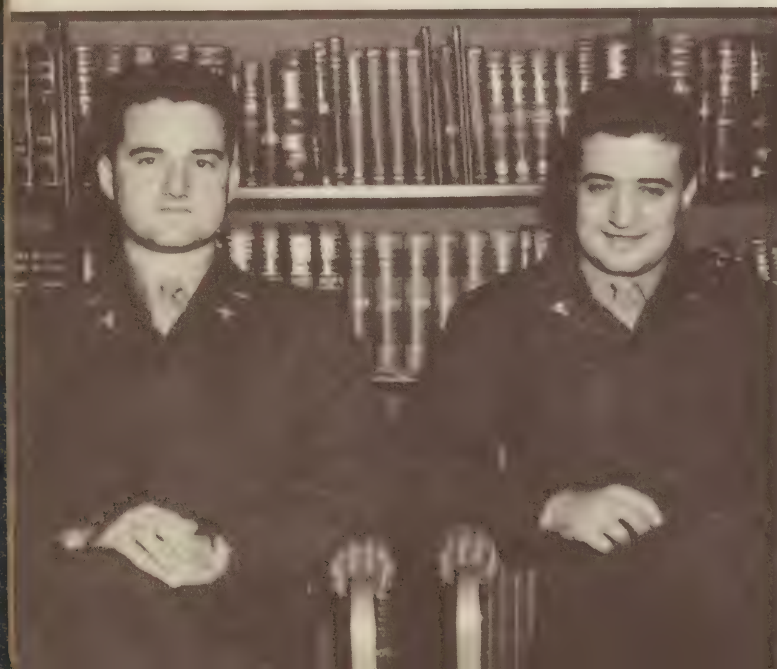




Colonel Strode and his assistants in General Medicine



Colonel Sheldon and the Gastro-enterology staff



doctors in this Section have already been published in several scientific journals for the benefit of all mankind and some have been presented before scientific societies throughout the nation.

**General Medical Section:** The General Medical Section includes one large ward for enlisted men and veterans, and a large portion of a ward for male officer patients with general medical and rheumatic diseases. This section has a large turnover of patient personnel and many interesting diseases are constantly seen and treated. The very latest medicines of proven clinical value are used as well as some drugs on a research basis. This section also has charge of all communicable diseases and isolation cases, except those of females and children.

**Cardiovascular Section:** The Cardiovascular Section has all enlisted and veteran patients suffering from heart and blood vessel ailments on one ward. Also, it has the electrocardiography station and the basal metabolism room where all the electrocardiograms and basal metabolic tests for the hospital and outpatient service are performed. Many of the patients are acutely ill and require constant and diligent medical and nursing care. The very latest and best equipment and medicines are available for diagnosis and treatment. A research project has also been instituted on this Section.

**Gastro-enterology and Metabolic Disease Section:** The Gastro-enterology and Metabolic Disease Section was created recently as a separate Section due to the large number of patients being admitted to the hospital with diseases of the gastro-intestinal tract, liver, gall-bladder, and metabolism which includes thyroid, diabetes, etc. This section administers the ward for women and children, professionally cares for all medical cases on this ward, and has patients on various other medical wards.

A civilian consultant in gastro-enterology, appointed by the Surgeon General, visits the Medical Service once monthly. Consultation service is rendered to the other sections and services of the hospital, as well as to outpatients. A clinic in gastroscopy is held and the stomach is visualized directly by a special instrument which assists in making diagnoses of stomach lesions.

Service women and families of military personnel are given the same expert care that other patients receive on the Medical Service. A well trained pediatrician cares for the children and conducts an Outpatient Pediatric Clinic.

**Neuropsychiatric Section:** This section's work has become gradually that of diagnostic neuropsychiatry. At the present time there are two medical officers working in Neuropsychiatry, and one enlisted man. The diagnostic work consists of consultations from other sections in the hospital, and consultations on prisoners who are in the guardhouse for various reasons. Many of the prisoners are separated from the service because of various types of personality disturbances and immaturity reactions. The hospital consultations for "psy-

The Neuropsychiatry staff

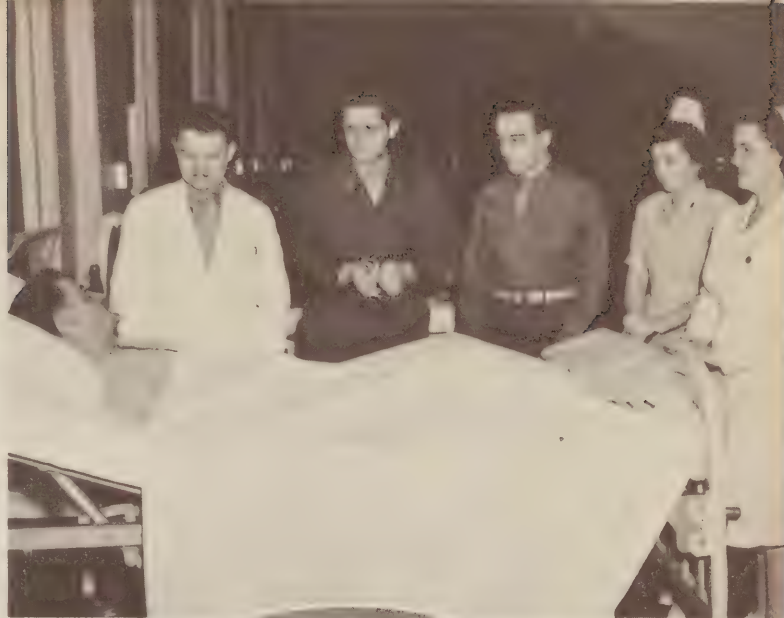


chogenic rheumatism" comprise a large percentage of all consultations and these are really conversion hysterias of a chronic nature. Occasional psychoses are also handled for which a locked room is available to care for such patients while awaiting authority to transfer them to Army or veterans' psychiatric hospitals. Treatment in the hospital has consisted of sedative bath therapy, subcoma insulin shock therapy, narco-analysis, and hypnosis. These treatments are usually carried out on patients who are on the Neuropsychiatric Service, which has a variable number of patient beds available on various wards.

**Medical Library:** The Army and Navy General Hospital, being the oldest Army General Hospital in existence, has probably the oldest hospital medical library in the Army. There are over 4,500 professional books, 176 bound journals, and 75 current journals. There is a continuing pamphlet collection, a reprint and microfilm service with a microfilm reader, access to any material which the Army Medical Library, Washington, D. C., has available by a lending service which includes a photostatic and microfilm service. During one month in 1947 over 130 new medical books were received.

The Medical Library is operated by two librarians under the direct supervision of the Medical Service. The facilities include a large general reading and conference room in two sections, a research and periodical room, and a stockroom. Most of the professional seminars and clinics are held in the library which is appropriately equipped for teaching purposes and has adequate seating facilities for all doctors of the staff.

**Postgraduate Activities:** A teaching program, consisting of ward rounds, clinical conferences, active clinical pathological conferences and research projects have been instituted by this service. Civilian staff consultants participate on their days of attendance. The junior staff has shown a keen interest in this program.



Doctors make frequent ward rounds



The Medical Library

A typical Army and Navy ward







COLONEL CHARLES R. LANAHAN  
*Chief of the Surgical Service*



# The Surgical Service

There has been a Surgical Service at Army and Navy General Hospital since architects tacked an "operating pavilion" on the old red brick and wood hospital in 1910. Today it is one of the biggest and most modern sections of the institution, with its own staff of skilled surgeons and consultants and its own wards.

Under the command of Colonel Charles Lanahan, who is also an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in charge of the EENT Section, Surgical Service includes the following divisions: Operating Section and Anesthesiology, General Surgical, Female Surgical, Urological, Orthopedic, and Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Sections. An important change in the Surgical organization during 1947 was the separation of Physical and Occupational Therapy from Orthopedic Section of the Service and their inclusion in a separate Physical Medicine Service.

Numerous personnel changes during the year placed Colonel Joseph R. Russell at the head of the General Surgical Section; left Colonel Robert S. Brua as Chief of Orthopedic Section; Captain William N. Adkins as Chief of Female Surgery; Captain William Harness, Chief of GU; Captain L. Ben Kirby, Chief, Anesthesia Section; Captain Mary L. Hector, Chief Nurse, Operating Room; and T/Sgt. Charles H. Tolar, NCO in charge of the Operating Room Section.

Surgeons consider operating rooms in this hospital ideal. They are large, well lighted, entirely tiled, air conditioned and believed adequate for the amount of surgery performed. Facilities in the delivery room were greatly enhanced this year with the addition recently of a hydraulic lifting operating table. Plans are also going forward to install a better, more modern Central Supply section on part of the upper deck of the east wing.



Chief of General Surgery  
COLONEL JOSEPH R. RUSSELL

**General Surgical Section:** The mission of the General Surgical Section of this hospital is to provide diagnostic, preoperative, operative and post-operative care for all general surgical cases admitted to this hospital, and make proper disposition of such patients depending on their military status.

It is headed by the Chief of General Surgical Section, one ward officer, and a ward officer assistant. All male general surgical patients are treated on ward 4-B which occupies the fourth floor of the southeast wing of the hospital and has a bed capacity of 50. The ward is modern in every sense of the word and complete with dressing room, diet kitchen, adequate toilet facilities and a spacious sun porch.

The Surgical staff







Colonel Brua and the Orthopedic Section



Colonel Russell and the staff of General Surgery



Female patients requiring general surgical treatment are routinely cared for by the General Surgical Section personnel. However, the patients are located on ward 1-A at this hospital. There are two well equipped operating rooms on the sixth floor with an excellent assortment of surgical instruments and the necessary equipment.

During the period from January first to October first, 1947, a total of 583 patients were admitted to the General Surgical Section for treatment. On these 583 patients a total of 453 operations were performed. The type of surgery has remained a varied and interesting type with quite a number a malignant cases being represented. During this period covered there were 664 consultations by members of the general surgical section.

#### *Female Surgical Section:*

There was established at this hospital on the Surgical Service 16 September, 1946, a section known as the Female Surgical Section, which has been under the control of two officers qualified in obstetrics and gynecology since its establishment. All female patients entering on the Surgical Service at this hospital are entered on the Female Surgical Section and those patients requiring specialized treatment, such as orthopedic and certain types of general surgery are referred to the specified sections concerned.

Since establishment of the Female surgical Section a total of 337 operative procedures have been performed on 234 cases. There has been a total of 70 deliveries, of which 48 were operative and 22 were spontaneous normal deliveries. In addition to relatively normal deliveries there has been a total of nine Caesarean sections performed.

The out patient clinics in Obstetrics and Gynecology compose a considerable portion of work on this section. Since establishment of this section there have been a total number of 744 cases in Obstetrical pre-natal clinic and 652 cases in out patient Gynecological clinic. There is considerable range of pathology seen in this active service, and outlying areas, have sent numerous interesting cases to this installation.

#### *Urologic Section:*

The Urologic Section consists of a Urological Clinic and approximately 20 beds on the ward and 5 private rooms. The purpose of this section is the administration of definite care of all urologic problems and the examination and treatment of all patients seen in consultation with the various ward surgeons. The Urologic clinic is divided into 4 sections, there being a sterilizing room and a Sitz bath tube for the uses of the post-operative patients. A minor surgical room where outpatients and hospital patients are examined and treated for minor urologic diseases. The cystoscopic room is used for all X-ray examinations. The fourth part of the clinic is an X-ray developing room in which all of the section films are developed as they are taken, thus making for more valuable films and the saving of time.

Captain William Adkins, Female Surgery staff



With its four sections the Urologic Clinic is independent and adequate for all types of investigative work.

At the present time a program of obtaining photographs of interesting urological cases and clinical abstracts for teaching purposes is under way. Some most excellent material is now available.

#### *Orthopedic Section:*

The Orthopedic Section continues to handle general orthopedic cases of all types; veterans and active duty personnel each comprising about 50% of the cases.

The poliomyelitis subsection which consisted of about 140 patients at the beginning of the year has about disappeared, due to a change of policy in the Surgeon General's Office. With the discharge of these patients, the relatively large amount of reconstructive surgery that was being accomplished has decreased proportionately. There has also been an accompanying decrease in size of the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy departments. The Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Reconditioning Sections have been under the supervision of the Orthopedic Section as this proved most advantageous in the proper management of the large number of poliomyelitis cases; however, with the discharge of these cases, above sections were combined to function as a separate section as in other Army general hospitals. The above reorganization was made to coincide with a change in Physical Therapy Medical Officers about 15 September 1947.

An Orthopedic Surgical consultant, who is a prominent and well qualified member of the Willis Campbell Clinic in Memphis, was appointed by the Surgeon General's Office in July and began making regular visits to this hospital in September.

Alterations in the brace shop have been made during the past year which have made it more efficient and attractive. The number of personnel has been decreased as the work load diminished but a high quality of workmanship has been maintained throughout. It is believed that the braces and splints being made here compare very favorably with those constructed commercially or in other Army hospitals.

#### *Anesthesiology and Operating Section:*

This section has operated throughout the year under the Chief of Anesthesiology. The department has at all times been headed by a competent anesthesiologist and for the greater part of the time two officers have been assigned to this section in addition to the nurse anesthesiologist, so employed. No authorized school of anesthesiology was operated during the year. There were no infections due to break in surgical technique or operating room technique.

#### *Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Section:*

The EENT patients are housed on a mixed ward, averaging 25 cases per month. The work load has diminished with the reduction of established beds. A



The Urological Section

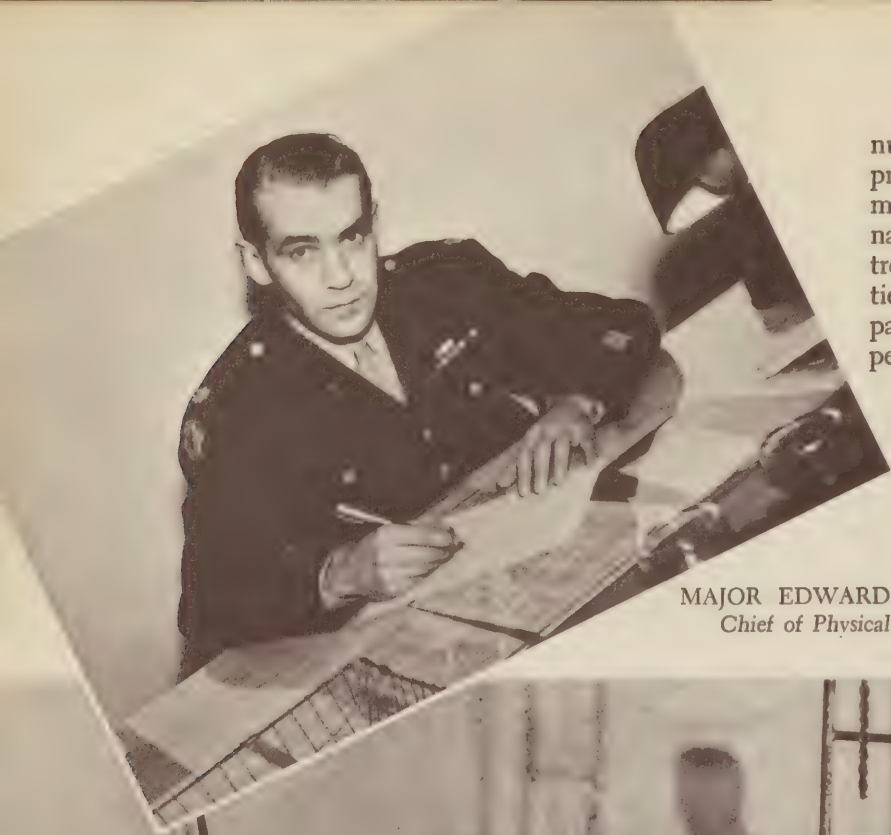


Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat



Operating Section's staff of technicians, anesthesiologists, nurses





MAJOR EDWARD B. SHIRES  
Chief of Physical Medicine

number of interesting cases have been seen but the present deepest and most lasting impression has been made by the apparently increasing number of malignancies about the face and mouth. In July 1947, 501 treatments and examinations were given hospital patients, 111 to out patients, 252 consultations on hospital patients, 94 on out patients, and 22 operations were performed.

PT's therapeutic pool helps polio and arthritis patients walk again





# Physical Medicine

The Physical Medicine Service is the youngest member in the family of professional services of Army and Navy General Hospital. It was established here September 15, 1947, in accordance with War Department Circular 349, under the command of Major Edward B. Shires, Medical Corps, after operating as a sub-section first of Reconditioning and then the Surgical Service since it was introduced at the Hot Springs hospital in 1943. The Section now supervises three sub-groups of its own—Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Physical Reconditioning, which latter two were transferred from the jurisdiction of the Orthopedic Section.

## *Physical Therapy:*

Physical Therapy, whose primary mission is the re-education of muscles in the body of patients for whom it is prescribed, was administered to approximately forty percent of the hospital patient load last year under the supervision of seven graduate physical therapists and seven trained enlisted men. Last year Physical Therapy gave an average of 9,592 separate treatments monthly to an average of 333 patients.

All physical therapy is prescribed for the patient by his ward doctor according to his needs and the benefit he derives from it. Types of treatment are varied, ranging through baths in the natural hot waters piped into the modern tile bathhouse located in the west wing of the main building, exercises in the therapeutic pool in the bathhouse, classes to help victims of arthritis and infantile paralysis learn to walk again and to correct flaws in their gait, heat treatment (diathermy), weight lifting exercises, immersion of limbs in electrically generated whirlpools for purposes of massage, elementary exercises administered to the patient in bed and on special tables in the PT clinic on the seventh floor, sun-bathing on the sundeck in the summer, numerous types of exercises in PT's own small gym on the seventh floor.

## *Occupational Therapy:*

Occupational Therapy enters upon its fourth year of service at Army and Navy with its staff cut from six registered therapists to a bare-bone two, but still providing a maximum of treatment to as many patients as it is possible for the staff to reach.

An extensive program of bedside treatment for patients on the wards, long an integral part of the OT program, has had to be temporarily abandoned, but treatment for ambulatory patients goes on in OT's shops in the main building basement and in its rooms in Building Eight. It offers almost every conceivable type of handcraft and hobby, adapting its facilities constantly to the needs and desires of the patients.

Such treatment was administered to on an average of 211 patients a month last year at the rate of 1,451 treatments a month under the supervision of Miss Hazel Donelson, staff chief, and Mrs. Hugh Gurley.



Diathermy (heat treatment) in the PT clinic



The Physical Therapy staff



Patients practice lifting weights to strengthen muscles





PT teaches patients how to walk again, corrects gait.

### Physical Reconditioning:

Physical Reconditioning was revived at Army and Navy last June 16 under the direction of Captain H. W. Underhill and two enlisted assistants to maintain general physical well-being among bed patients and to build strong muscles in well parts of the body.

These reconditioning exercises are administered mostly on the wards to bed patients whose ward doctors prescribe them. Since their arrival in June, Captain Underhill and his staff have administered a total of 970 such treatments a month.



Captain Underhill makes even bed patients take their daily dozen

Mrs. Gurley and Miss Donelson teach all types of handcraft in the OT shop







This is fun, and it strengthens hand and shoulder muscles



Photography is a profitable pastime for anyone who cares to use OT's lab





Officers of the Laboratory Service



Staff of the Laboratory Service



## *Radiological Section*

Until September Army and Navy was one of only three Army hospitals in this country possessing facilities for radium therapy and it was generally recognized as a center for treatment of cancer. In one month alone the Section recorded 16,800 mg. hours exposure, using the radium. By order of the Surgeon General, all radium was ordered shipped to Brooke Medical Center in September and the Section ceased to function as a cancer center.

However, the Section made rapid advancement along other lines during the year. Two enlisted technicians enjoyed the signal honor of being certified by the American Registry of X-ray Technicians. These were S/Sgt. Costa Carleson, NCO in charge, and T/3 Horace C. Roberts. It also trained four fledgling Army doctors in roentgenology during the last quarter, and acquired three pieces of technical equipment which were not only great contributions toward the efficiency of the department, but also help to clinch its status as probably the best X-ray clinic in the state of Arkansas. This equipment consists of a new processing and cooling unit for the darkroom, an attachment for making body section roentgenograms, and a new X-ray machine designed to produce a high grade performance with a maximum of speed.

The clinic is supervised by Lt. Col. H. C. Harrell, assisted by Lt. Col. Fred W. Seymour as Assistant Resident, and Captain Lyle H. Edelblute as Assistant Chief of Section.

## *The Laboratory Service*

An efficient and well-organized laboratory service staffed by three officers and 11 civilian and enlisted technicians works in close coordination with all other professional services at this hospital. It is responsible for autopsies, makes tests and analyses, supervises blood transfusions, maintains a blood donor's list, conducts water and milk tests for the hospital. In addition, it handles considerable work of this type for other installations in this area, and its officers are charged with the conducting of weekly clinicopathological conferences and weekly demonstration of surgical pathology for the benefit of the other professional services.

With the retirement in late fall of Colonel J. Vincent Falisi, Captain Donald Brown became Chief of Service, assisted by Lieutenants Ted Grisct and Morris Weinberg, both laboratory specialists.





COLONEL WILLIAM B. STEWART  
Chief of Dental Service



The  
Dental Service

## *The Dental Service*

To cooperate with other services in expediting the recovery of hospitalized patients by supplying the necessary dental care, to safeguard the dental health of the command, to provide dental care for the dependents of military personnel, retired personnel and their dependents as much as time, equipment and personnel will allow—those are the responsibility of the Dental Service.

Besides routine cleaning, filling and extractions, the clinic also moulds and fits dentures and bridges, and performs considerable dental surgery. In 12 months it recorded 11,924 individual treatments of which 3,433 were new patients, made 4,509 X-ray exposures, completed 3,851 permanent restorations, replaced 4,670 missing teeth, and pulled 1,267.

Early in the summer the Dental Clinic lost its chief, Colonel Leroy P. Hartley, who was ordered overseas. He was replaced by Colonel William B. Stewart, who is still head of the clinic.



This machine speeds up X-Ray, makes it more efficient



Colonel Harrell and the Radiology Section.  
They operate one of the best clinics in the state



# The Administration

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer "banks" money and valuables for patients and staff, allows them to withdraw them at will. It also holds purse strings on all non-appropriated funds for the hospital. Some 50 thousand dollars a month passes through the cage under the vigilant eye of M/Sgt. Alvis Craig and Miss Margie Harmon.



MAJOR C. C. MYERS  
Post Adjutant





## *Station Veterinarian and Medical Inspector*

He safeguards the sanitation of the post, the wholesomeness of the food it consumes. As Station Veterinarian, he conducts all food inspections and inspects all edibles of animal origin purchased by all military installations in the state. In addition, he operates a small animal clinic on the post for the benefit of pets belonging to post personnel. And as Medical Inspector he conducts inspection of the entire hospital at least once a week, supervises insect, rodent, and malaria control, narcotics, and prepares reports on health and disease within the command.



MAJOR WILLYS E. LORD

### SERGEANT MAJOR'S OFFICE

M/Sgt. Emmett Thompson and his assistant, Mrs. Oneta Baker







MAJOR RICHARD R. FREEMAN  
Ward Administrative Officer

## Ward Administrative Office

The Ward Administrative Officer, Major Richard R. Freeman, ably assisted by T/Sgt. R. A. Waller and Sgt. William E. Hill, regulates the placement, duties, and duty hours of some 60 enlisted men and 15 civilians who work largely on the nine hospital wards. Certain items of property and all hospital linens are also controlled through this office.

Throughout the year some 1,800 visitors from 40 states and two foreign countries have been shown through the hospital on tours arranged by the Ward Administrative Office. These visitors, who have come as far as Athens, Greece, have been favorably impressed with Army & Navy and many compliments have been paid to the hospital and its staff.

Regular Friday conference is a must for the administrative staff





# Registrar's Office

**REGISTRAR.** Admission of the very first patient to Army and Navy General Hospital 61 years ago, necessitated the establishment of a Post Registrar's Office, and since that time this office has handled literally tons of administrative work concerning admission, disposition, births, deaths and serious illness of the 95,751 patients who have been treated here. Under the direction of Major Julius Bryan, a staff of five enlisted men and four civilians keeps detailed medical records of each patient, prepare statistical reports on the health of the command for forwarding to the Office of the Surgeon General as well as monthly reports including the history of each patient returned to duty, discharged, or otherwise disposed of during the current month.

## INFORMATION OFFICE

The Information Office is an integral part of the Registrar activity. This office maintains a listing of all post personnel, including patients, duty personnel and civilian employees. The office remains open from 0800 to 2100, daily, and it is the responsibility of this section to keep itself informed as to the location of all personnel, especially patients, in order that visitors may be directed to the proper ward or section without delay.

## PATIENT'S CLOTHING ROOM

On admission to this hospital all patients, with the exception of female and those patients on officer status, must exchange their clothing for hospital pajamas and robes. The Patient's Clothing Room, which is under direct supervision of the Registrar, has charge of this procedure. As each patient is admitted, he is referred to the Clothing Room where he is issued hospital pajamas and robe to replace his uniform or civilian clothing, as the case may be.

# Receiving Office

Admission of patients, medical examinations, and dispensary service for staff members, out-patients and dependents of service personnel all emanate from the Receiving Office and Out-Patient Clinic under the supervision of Captain James Shell near the ambulance entrance in the main building. It is here that incoming patients are given initial medical examinations, registered, and assigned to wards or referred to particular services for treatment, as the case may be.

Captain Shell also holds out-patient (patients needing medical care, but who are not actually in the hospital) clinic on certain days of the week, rendering necessary minor medical care in the Receiving Office's own clinic.

Incoming patients get courteous, skilled attention in Captain James Shell's Receiving Office



Personnel of the Registrar's Office  
Their office has registered 95,751 patients



MAJOR JULIUS C. BRYAN  
The Registrar







LT. COL. MARGARET E. AARON  
Chief Nurse

## The Army Nurse Corps

Through two world wars, since 1911, women in the uniform of the Army Nurse Corps have peopled the wards of Army and Navy General Hospital side by side with the doctors, administering a hypo here, an alcohol rub there, feeding a patient whose arms were paralyzed.

At the beginning of the year 1947, the total number of nurses on duty at the Hot Springs hospital was 48 under the command of Lt. Col. Margaret E. Aaron.

By July the number had been reduced by natural attrition to thirty-eight nurses. At this time, the Surgeon General's Office authorized the employment of civilian nurses to meet the ceiling as set up by the War Department for forty-five nurses. At the present time, there are forty-one army nurses assigned for duty and six civilian nurses.

In May of this year, a bill establishing a permanent nurse corps of the Regular Army and Navy became law. This bill provided for a permanent Army Nurse Corps with a minimum of 2,558 members. Nurses who were serving or had served with the Army Nurse Corps in World War II, and who met the requirements were given preference of appointment by integration. Twenty reserve nurses from Army and Navy applied for a commission in the regular army. All of these nurses were not eligible however, for a commission in the regular army, and at the present time, Army and Navy General Hospital has fourteen regular army nurses assigned and it is expected that others will shortly be appointed.

### THE ARMY NURSE CORPS





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*The 9954th TSU  
and  
The 4103rd ASU  
Medical Detachment*







ON PARADE



DETACHMENT HEADQUARTERS

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CAPTAIN LAWRENCE D. WILLIAMS  
CO of the Medical Detachment









## *The 9954th TSU and the 4103rd ASU Medical Detachment*

A year ago, the Medical Detachment, which is technically divided into two sections—the 9954th Technical Service Unit and the 4103rd Area Service Unit, had a total of 361 enlisted men among its ranks. By the end of the year, however, it had so diminished that most of the men were compelled to put in longer hours on their jobs. Especially has this been true of those stationed in the Mess, Military Police, and on the wards.

Truly, the men of the Medical Detachment are the men who stand behind the doctors and nurses. Since opening day, January 17, 1887, they have served faithfully as ward attendants, mess assistants, administrative clerks, dental and laboratory technicians, elevator operators, motor pool experts, and hold hundreds of other tasks vital to the efficient operation of the hospital—wherever the need was greatest.

This year the men of the detachment were moved into quarters vacated by the Wac's, moved again to Building 35, and in early summer moved again back to their original home in the barracks in the Detachment area. The most recent innovation concerning quarters has been the move to have the men sleep in sections determined by their job on the post and under the supervision of men selected from their own sections.

This year the Detachment also closed, re-decorated and reopened its club under a new board of governors. It is reported flourishing and many plans are underway for a gala holiday season.

When the Department of the Army announced the new Enlisted Career Plan, enterprising NCO's formed a school, unique



FIRST SERGEANT H. A. LOWREY

*He's the top kick*

in the Army, to prepare men of this station for the MOS tests which will determine all ranks sometime after the first of the year. Considerable interest was shown by the men of the command and the school was able to complete one entire eight-week basic session. The school was the first to be formed on any Army post and the NCO's responsible were accorded considerable praise in national circles.

As the post fostered ever more solid friendly relations with the community, the men of the Detachment became an increasingly familiar sight in parades, celebrations and most all civic activities staged within the city this year. Lead by their well-liked Detachment Commander, Captain Lawrence Williams, the smart-dressed, smart-stepping troops send the prestige of the U. S. Army climbing another notch time after time as they join in observances from Army Week to Christmas.



Dinner on the house at the  
Detachment Club



## Personnel



Office of the Director of Personnel



Patient and Duty Personnel



Civilian Personnel—Director Paul J. Haynie and his staff handle the affairs of 332 civilians employed on the post

The reduction of the total number of all types of personnel allotted to operate this installation; the separation of all selective service inductees and separation of the majority of 18-month enlistees; designation of primary MOS for each enlisted man; interviewing and preparing WD AGO Forms 66 for each individual on officer status; conducting the civilian loyalty investigation; the reversal of the policy of replacing civilians by soldiers; have been but a few of the problems which have confronted and been surmounted by this section. In January, the Duty, Patient and Civilian Personnel Sections were consolidated in the Lobby of the Eastman Annex under the direct supervision of the present Director of Personnel; Captain J. J. Coleman. This move resulted in the saving of one officer, one warrant officer, two civilians and several enlisted personnel.

Functioning directly under the Director of Personnel are the following activities, their mission and their personnel:

**PATIENT PERSONNEL.** This Section is responsible for administration of personnel procedures on all patients in this hospital;

**DUTY PERSONNEL.** The functions of duty personnel are almost self-explanatory. Under the direction of Captain Mary E. Kelly, Assistant Director of Personnel and Chief of the Military Personnel Section, a staff of seven handles the assignment of all enlisted and officer personnel to this command and maintains the meticulous records on personnel demanded by both the Department of the Army and the Surgeon General's Office. It was a member of this section, Mrs. Mattie R. Sanders, Records Clerk, who won the Army's award for superior accomplishment this year, becoming the first civilian at Army and Navy ever to receive the honor.

**PATIENT PERSONNEL.** All personnel matters pertaining to patients are referred to a special Patient Personnel Section which functions under Captain Coleman's supervision. It handles their service records, classification, payrolls for enlisted patients, furloughs, assignments for officers and enlisted men upon completion of hospitalization, and separation of those eligible. Its staff of four also provides counsel to patients on insurance, bond and pay problems.

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL.** At the beginning of 1947 there were 275 civilians employed on the Army and Navy post. Because of periodic reductions in force, this number shrank until it struck an all-time low of about 237 during the latter part of June. However, the trend soon reversed and the post is now back to an authorized ceiling of 332, and still growing. At the same time, many changes in regulations, policies and procedures governing civilians have occurred this year to complicate the problem of readjustment to peacetime faced by Director Paul J. Haynie, his assistant,



Miss Betty J. Boyce, and the staff of four which supervises civilian personnel.

Corresponding to the drop in strength, civilian morale also took a plunge in the early months of the year, but recovered to normal status as the strength of the command gradually righted itself.

The turnover in civilian personnel is normally rapid, but a survey this year revealed that six employees have records of service dating back 20 years or more. These were: Ruben C. Hunter, Post Engineers, employed since 1920; Mrs Roxie Mayben, seamstress, since 1925; Douglas M. Rynders, Post Engineers, since 1920; Walter H. Whitford, Post Engineers, since 1923; Miss Dannie Cobb, secretary to the Commanding Officer; since 1923; Charlie Davis, Mess Department, since 1924; Marion Lane, Mess Department, 1925.

## Mess Department

It was the expressed desire of the Commanding Officer that the Army and Navy Mess be second to none in the United States Army when it comes to serving meals, and Mess Administrator Captain John O. Tallman's hard-working staff dedicated 1947 to accomplishing this goal. The department has sincerely endeavored to give the patients and staff the very best food possible throughout the year—not just meals that are wholesome and nutritious, but a range of edibles that will satisfy the personal whims and tastes of the command.

The Mess saw many changes in the last 12 months. In fact the department made an almost complete turnover from top to bottom, with the exception of a few key civilians and soldiers. It began the year under the guidance of Captain Harry H. Holcomb, who was soon transferred to Korea and replaced early in the year by Captain Tallman. The chief stewardship of the section also changed hands with the retirement of M/Sgt. William Cannon, long an Army and Navy landmark, who was succeeded by T/Sgt. Melvin J. Sowell. Captain Eleanor L. Mitchell has remained in charge of the dietitians' staff.

Besides the personnel changes, the Mess has made many improvements in its organization. The bakery has been rearranged to include both a bread and pastry bakery. Because of the drastic drop in personnel, the Eastman kitchen was closed and consolidated with the officers' mess in the main building, which was completely remodeled and operates far more satisfactorily than in the past.

At the year's begining there were 111 people assigned to the Mess. They included one mess officer, five dietitians, seven civilians and 88 enlisted men. The total now reads 88 personnel, including the Mess Administrator, four dietitians, 22 enlisted men and 61 civilians.



Captain John Tallman and the Mess Department staff.  
They dedicated 1947 to making our Mess the best in the  
U. S. Army



The whole Mess staff gathered to give a rousing sendoff to  
Sgt. Cannon, long its mainstay



Captain Tallman's artistic staff never misses an opportunity to  
put diners in a holiday mood like they did at Hallowe'en





LT. COLONEL CHARLES B. ROOSA  
*The Post Engineer*

## Retiring Board

It is the function of the Army Retiring Board to determine the physical and mental capacity for performing active service of all officers appearing before it and to decide whether a permanent incapacity, if found, is the result of an incident of service. During the year it processed 347 officers. At the present time it is composed of five officers, two of whom are medical, three non-medical, and one of whom is Brigadier General Francis P. Hardaway.

Colonel Roosa and his administrative staff



## The Post Engineers

It can hardly be said that Colonel Charles B. Roosa's Post Engineers find one year more full of progress and change than the next, for the work of modernization, maintenance, repair, and new construction is, as the time-honored cliché puts it, as inevitable year in and year out as death and taxes.

The post is particularly proud of its 28 and one-third acres of beautiful, carefully-landscaped grounds and its 59 well-kept buildings, which gardeners and custodians tend day after day in meticulous fashion.

Similarly, Post Engineer-employees operate the heating, lighting and elevator systems, the plumbing, the air conditioning, waste disposal, refrigeration; are responsible for all repairs, major and minor construction, and the blueprints necessary to construction. And the unsung fire department, which, by its very absence of publicity, advertises its success well. Thanks to these skilled fire-fighters, whom Colonel Roosa himself supervises, the hospital has never had a major blaze and their skill has often helped the city of Hot Springs avert a serious conflagration.

Were Engineers to select any projects more outstanding than the rest for 1947, the spotlight would undoubtedly fall on the task of air conditioning all of the laboratories and clinics in the main building which was authorized for the hospital for the first time this summer; the construction of additional quarters in Barracks 35 (which project is not yet finished); and the fresh flowers brought from Engineers' own greenhouse by Mr. W. B. Jennings to the lobby of the main building every day. This practice, initiated by the post this summer, has been a surprising morale builder and has elicited much good comment.

Meantime, others from the Engineers installed more street lights on the post, used many hundreds of gallons of paint renovating and improving the Eastman Annex, dressing up the main building, built a ceramics kiln in the OT shop, redecorated the mess hall in the main building and enlarged the bakery, replaced obsolete equipment in the post laundry, improved the heating and electric systems.

One of the biggest and most important projects blueprinted by the Post Engineers for this year was temporarily shelved: plans to build the much talked-about recreation center on Lake Hamilton. While Washington had granted the money and blueprints for the construction had been approved, difficulties over land had by year's end still successfully halted the project. Possibilities of action in the near future were still uncertain as the New Year approached.

Colonel Lehman and Colonel Roosa inspect the Fire Department regularly





## Quartermaster Section

### SUPPLY

That the Quartermaster Section is the principal source of supply for this hospital is a commonplace fact, but the fact that in 1947 it also became the supplying agency for 18 satellite stations will be news to most of the post. These posts now look to the Hot Springs post as the central supply depot, for food, clothing, property and other supplies.

This heavier work load necessitates the maintenance of more than 5,000 stock record cards in the Property Office.

**COMMISSARY.** The Commissary this year added a meat market for its customers which has rapidly become one of the busiest parts of the section, selling more than \$300 worth of meat each day. It also added a frozen food case where a selective variety of frozen fruits, vegetables and meats are available to the shopper.

Such changes as these have made the Army and Navy Commissary one of the most modern in the whole Fourth Army area. It is operated under the supervision of M/Sgt. Warren B. Vanderslice.

**LAUNDRY.** The laundry operated by the Post Quartermaster is rated among the top three in the entire Fourth Army area. It serves duty personnel as well as patient and retired personnel and launders all hospital linens, white uniforms, etc., handling an estimated 96,448 pieces a month. This summer it was completely modernized with the addition of an up-to-date eight-roll steam ironer, which replaced an outdated six-roll flatwork machine used on the post for 27 years. As the year drew to a close Quartermaster Ray Davies was planning the addition of a new dry cleaning plant for the post which was expected to be in operation by the first of the year.

**POST MOTOR POOL.** One of the most active sections in the Quartermaster organization is the Post Motor Pool. There are 32 vehicles assigned to the pool, including busses, ambulances, staff cars, trucks, etc., which travel on an average of more than 25,000 miles a month—or more than one complete trip around the world.

**TRANSPORTATION SECTION.** Another of the most vital functions of the Quartermaster is the Transportation Section, which handles all reservations for air, rail and bus travel by patients and duty personnel of the hospital. Under the direction of Mr. George C. Collie, it also supervises the packing, crating and moving of household furniture for military personnel, baggage, and also processes military dependents who are being moved to overseas destinations.



Major Ray J. Davies and the heads of Quartermaster sections



The Quartermaster Office

**SALVAGE.** When Camp Robinson in Little Rock was closed, it became necessary for this station to organize its own salvage section for the disposition of all government property declared surplus and salvage at the satellite posts. This was accomplished during the early part of 1947, with the result that more than \$10,093.88 has been returned to the United States Treasury through the sale of salvaged metal scrap, paper, damaged furniture, rags, and much other equipment.

The Motor Pool



The Sales Commissary





## Signal Section

Since the first Signal Officer assumed his duties at Army and Navy, the Post Signal Office has been an integral part of this institution. Its growth and expansion has been as great as that of the institution it serves.

The officer in charge of the Signal Station has changed three times in almost as many months. On 2 August 1947, Captain Arthur B. Polk, Signal Officer at the Army and Navy for over a year, departed for his new assignment in Europe. The existing vacancy was filled by Major Thomas A. Rohrich, who assumed charge temporarily until the arrival on 12 October 1947 of Captain James H. Gurley.

Staffed by a Signal Officer, five civilians, and three enlisted men, the Post Signal Office is responsible for the operation and maintenance of a modern dial telephone system, which replaced the manual type switchboard during 1946. This section is also a center for the dispatch and receipt of telegraph, radio, and teletypewriter, (TWX) messages.

### KANH

One of the better known and decidedly the most popular divisions of the Signal Section is Radio KANH, Bedside Network of Armed Forces Radio Service, described elsewhere in this book.



Signal staff



CAPTAIN JAMES H. GURLEY  
Signal Officer

## Military Police

The Military Police—Theirs is the responsibility for the security of the post



Upon the shoulders of the Military Police Department rests the security of the post, the protection of all government property, interior guard duty, the safekeeping of military prisoners, the direction and enforcement of traffic regulations within its boundaries, and above all, the responsibility of enforcing compliance with military law and maintaining military discipline.

Two enlisted men work every night as town patrolmen. In close contact with civilian authorities they handle all police matters involving military personnel and deal with all infractions of military discipline by military personnel off the reservation.

Military Police are now on duty twenty-four hours of the day directing traffic, giving information, limiting admittance to the post to authorized personnel only, and watching over the Eastman lobby offices at night. In addition, one guard patrols the hospital grounds during all hours of the night.

A sergeant and corporal of the guard look over building 41, the post guardhouse, where an estimated average of fifteen prisoners a month are housed in this highly unpopular army spot.

Thirty-one enlisted men and one officer, the Provost Marshal, Captain Jose M. Homs, are assigned to Military Police.



## Medical Supply

Many important changes and accomplishments have occurred during the past year in the Medical Supply Section. Not the least of these was the turnover in personnel which resulted in three different Medical Supply officers in 12 months, leaving it at year's end in the hands of Major A. W. Pollert.

Upon authorization from the Surgeon General's Office, the department requisitioned thousands of dollars worth of stainless steel equipment for the hospital to replace wooden and wartime equipment in use by the professional services. Contract for the equipment has already been awarded and installation is anticipated around the first of the year. It includes such items as built-in cabinets, counters and work tables. Complete deactivation of all wards in the Eastman Annex around the first of 1947 resulted in another major problem for Medical Supply—the disposition of all Medical Department property made surplus by the move. This was accomplished speedily in accordance with directives.

In addition to these special tasks, Medical Supply also performs routine tasks of procurement, storage, issue and accountability for all medical supplies and equipment needed for proper functioning of the hospital, its maintenance, the purchase and upkeep of the expenditure of funds for medical property, medical books and journals. And the Medical Supply Officer is directly charged with the safe-keeping of all stores of alcohol, whiskey, narcotics and habit-forming drugs as well as all dental gold and precious metals.



Major A. W. Pollert and the staff of Medical Supply



MAJOR JOHN J.  
MADIGAN, JR.  
Budget, Fiscal and Finance  
Officer

## Budget, Fiscal and Finance

To the Finance section, artery of the Army and Navy organization, the year 1947 brought increased responsibility, a heavier volume of work though the staff was decreased. Altogether, the section lost four of its personnel, including Captain William Davis, Finance Officer, who was ordered overseas, and three civilians; this left one officer, Major John J. Madigan, one warrant officer, CWO B. K. Williams, and nine civilians now on duty in the section.

On the fiscal section fell the greatest increase in work load. This was due primarily to a change in the Fiscal Code in July which required a check on the cost per day of in-patients. But it was also due partially to transfer of fiscal functions from Medical Supply to this section and also to the handling of Organized Reserve Corps funds, new to the department this year. Other sections of Finance continued their normal work, preparing the budgets, distributing the paychecks, paying the bills.

Finance also inaugurated a system of training enlisted personnel this year, beginning on an experimental basis with M/Sgt. George Thornell. His six months' training about to be completed successfully, Sgt. Thornell will probably be assigned to the Army Finance School after the first of the year for further schooling.

Major Madigan and his staff







Most popular spot on the post—the PX fountain



Captain Chester Childers and the PX staff



## The Post Exchange

Within the past year the administration of Army Exchanges has undergone vast change, the most important being the switch to centralized operation of all exchanges in installations within the different Army areas. Because of this the Army and Navy Exchange is now known as the Branch Exchange, instead of the Post Exchange as formerly. Now, too, administrative control of all Branch Exchanges falls under the jurisdiction of the Central Exchange Office, meaning that matters of purchasing, retail prices, variety of merchandise, etc., are determined by the Central office.

The PX at Army and Navy stocks virtually all of the necessities of life required by service personnel and recently has added many of the luxuries practically unobtainable during the war years. It does an annual business of approximately \$250,000 gross, a share of which is turned back to various hospital funds for the support of Special Services and other welfare activities.

In addition to the Exchange proper, the PX also operates two barber shops, a tailor and laundry service, and a beauty shop. Plans are also underway for construction of a modern, new post service station, a bowling alley and a new and more up-to-date beauty shop.

The Exchange at this post is staffed by an officer and 19 civilians, three of whom are barbers. Three officers have served in the capacity of Exchange Officer during the past year: Captain John O. Burke, now on duty in Germany; Major Richard Freeman, Ward Administrative Officer, and the present Exchange Officer, Captain C. W. Childers.

### TROOP I & E

Though hampered by a drastic cutback in personnel, Troop Information and Education struggles on toward its avowed goal to make the American soldier the best informed in the world, and the Army and Navy soldier the best in the United States Army. Its one enlisted member of the staff has been with the section for 13 months and is an I & E specialist, having graduated from the Army Information School at Carlisle Barracks in the spring.

Together Sgt. Buelow and CWO Theodora A. Gordon interview and counsel applicants for USAFI schooling, operating a comprehensive lending library of textbooks, handle enrollments in high school and college extension subjects, and provide General Educational, end-of-course tests, and subject examinations. A music room and radio repair shop are also available for interested personnel.

### RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

W/O C. H. E. Courtenay and M/Sgt. Harold Avery Records Administration Office is responsible for periodic inspection of files and their proper elimination according to War Department directives. It also investigates all accidents involving military personnel and claims against the Government.



## The Pharmacy

Captain Jose M. Homs and his staff of two pharmacists, M/Sgt. William H. Lambert and T/Sgt. Grover L. Nichols, compounded 29,048 prescriptions last year and did a business more rushing than the corner drugstore in medicinals and pills.



Mr. Gordon and Sgt. Buelow of TI&E.  
They offer the three R's

## THE PHOTO LABORATORY

Photographer William Robinson

Photographer William Robinson operates a complete and up-to-date photographic laboratory for the professional services of Army and Navy, and his work is used extensively in diagnosis and training of medical officers. In addition, he handles all Public Relations photography and made all the pictures for this year-book, developing and printing all prints in the lab in the Eastman basement.







Water-minded Army and Navy men  
throng the boat dock at Lake Hamilton  
during the season



Captain Jablonowski and M/Sgt. Bill Soister.  
They master-mind Army and Navy's full program  
of recreation and athletics



# Recreation, Religion, Counseling

## Special Services

On tap at this service installation is every kind of organized and individual sport and recreation which the terrain of the post and the community permit. Special Services furnishes equipment to patients and personnel for both indoor and outdoor sports, books, special entertainment both on and off the post, operates two movie theatres, and organizes and equips sports teams to participate in local and state competition.

**ATHLETICS.** Last year the Special Services basketball team attracted wide attention locally, winning 28 out of 32 games played during the season and meeting the crack University of Arkansas Bees in a featured engagement here. In the spring it returned from the Fourth Army tournament at Fort Sam Houston with the second place spoils. An entirely new but scrappy team got off to a good start again this year, playing an early season double feature with Tinker Field, who flew here especially for the event.

This summer, players from the hilltop hospital entered the city tennis tournament through the auspices of Special Services, and an Army and Navy medical officer, Lt. Don Gose, won the title. Gose and his partner, Captain William Harness, also won the city doubles title. Between the tournament and individual use, Special Services' two courts stayed constantly busy most of the year. Baseball and softball teams were also fielded this summer, but proved shortlived due to lack of a playing field. Early in the fall the department organized both a six-team all-Army bowling league and a fast team to compete in the downtown circuit. This latter team is comprised of the post's best and has been leading the league; the all-Army team is open to any service personnel interested in bowling.

## Recreation

Recreational facilities are practically unlimited. Special Services provides equipment for fishing, boating, golf, archery, table tennis, swimming, and numerous special outings, in addition to organized sports. This year both patients and personnel took advantage of regular trips to the races at Oaklawn, the midget auto races, and the new recreation beach on Lake Hamilton where every type of water sport is to be had. The section also planned numerous special trips to the Arkansas football game in Little Rock, the live stock show, a Hereford ranch near Benton. Until the water shortage intervened, the post pool was kept open for swimmers and Special Services provided instruction. Table tennis and golf tournaments were run off and the victors awarded trophies. And for the less active, Special Services operates a large library stocked with hundreds of books, including both the classics and best-sellers.

## ENTERTAINMENT

During the past year many celebrities were induced to appear at the hospital by Special Services. USO camp shows appeared every two weeks both on the wards and in the theater. Several sketch artists made visits. And hundreds of good movies were displayed for the benefit of both patients and personnel three nights weekly in the post's two theatres.

Under several officers during the year, Special Services recently was placed in the hands of Captain Czeslaw Jablonowski, who was sent here from War Department Special Services particularly for the task.







The 1946 basketball team brought home second place trophy from Fort Sam.

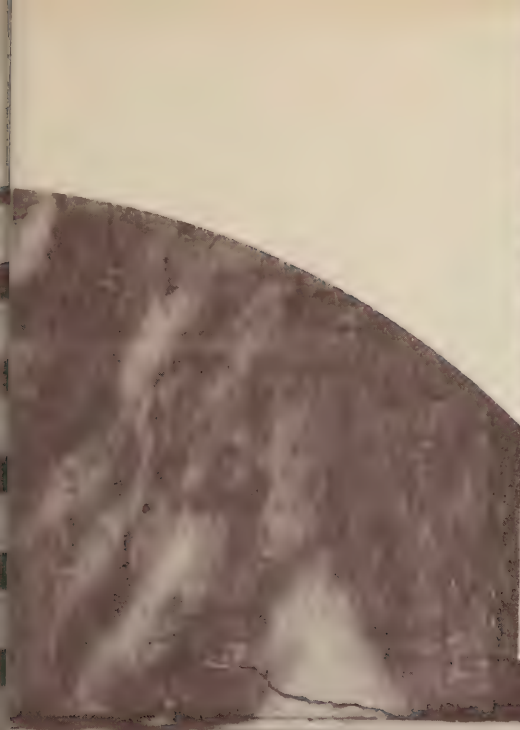


Red Cross recreation workers frequently escort patients to Little Rock for ball games, concerts, plays.



The post pool





The post library



The crack bowling team has lead the fast city league all season







The Red Cross staff

Celebrities frequently visit the hospital. This one was the movie star Merle Oberon



The Gray Ladies dispense sunshine and service



## The Red Cross

The American Red Cross maintains a staff at this hospital to further the welfare of personnel and patients of all classes. The activities are organized into two general services: social case work services for patients and duty personnel and recreation services for patients.

The primary purpose of the social service program for patients is to ascertain the personal and social factors involved in illness and to assist the patient in carrying out his treatment to the best advantage. The Social Service Department extends the following services:

Assists patients in adjustment of social, economic and family problems which threaten to retard recovery, provides financial assistance by loans or grants to patients who need to return home on account of sickness, death or other emergencies or for convalescent furloughs when the serviceman is without sufficient funds; provides comfort articles for those patients who are temporarily without funds; communicates with families of patients who are seriously ill and through the Red Cross Chapters assists them in making arrangements to visit the patient. Quarters are maintained at the Red Cross where relatives may stay during the critical period of illness.

The Social Service Department also assists duty personnel in the adjustment of social and personal problems and provides financial assistance by loan or grant to those who need to return home because of death or illness in the immediate family.

Recreational activities for individuals and groups are carried on in the Red Cross Recreation Room and in the wards of the hospital. The Gray Ladies, Red Cross volunteers, working in cooperation with the professional staff, provide shopping services, render friendly personal services to the patients and aid in the total recreation program.

## The 386th Army Band

The chief function of this unit is to provide music for any occasion and at any time for the morale of the patients in this hospital, not only for the officers, but for the enlisted personnel as well.

During the past year, however, many changes have occurred in this unit. Its leader, CWO Cecone, left for overseas duty last March, and the present leader, CWO John J. Kahler, former conductor of the famous Pacific Ocean Areas Band in Honolulu, took command.

In the course of the first half of the year, the band provided entertainment for both patients and enlisted personnel. Some of its many functions included radio concerts, dances at both service clubs, Red Cross dances, and parades. By June, with the exception of two or three men including Staff Sergeant Daniel W. Fye and T/5 Richard Davies, all the members of the band had been discharged and the band was practically a ghost unit.

During this month First Sergeant Roy Harris, who had been with the band ever since its activation, was discharged and his position was filled by Technical Sergeant George A. Carsey. Since the band's strength had been drastically cut, the radio concerts and many activities were curtailed. Nevertheless, replacements started to fill in the empty chairs by the latter part of July.

After several weeks of long rehearsals and unceasing work, the new 386th Army Band made its debut September 5 with a radio concert on the Eastmen porch which was received with praise and approval. The music heard on this program and the subsequent broadcasts embodied almost every field of composition, from operatic airs and symphonic compositions to the hit tunes of popular music. And soon, due to popular request, the band began to include two concerts in its weekly program, which are broadcast over station KANH of the Armed Forces Radio Service every Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Later the band enlarged its program with a Thursday night concert for the general public which is presented from the Eastmen Annex also.

In the meantime, a new orchestra was formed under the direction of Staff Sergeant Fye and composed of seven members. This section of the Band has provided entertainment for Red Cross dances and dances at both the Officers' and the newly-formed Enlisted Men's clubs.

Mr. Kahler and the 386th Army Band







The new tape recorder enables the KANH staff to bring its listeners a greater range of programs

## Radio Station KANH

Radio Station KANH was born November 1, 1946, with a staff of six men, a handful of transcriptions, less than a half dozen recordings, and operating on three channels. Channel One featured ABC, NBC on Channel Two, and KANH on Channel Four. After a few months operation, Channel Three was added and CBS was picked up from Little Rock.

New transcriptions began pouring in from AFRS headquarters in Los Angeles and good programs got underway immediately on Channel Four. Over a hundred dollars worth of recordings were purchased and the record library now numbers about 300. (With different selections on either side, this makes an actual total of 600.)

In the year's run, KANH featured hundreds of different types of entertainment: famous and not-so-famous Hollywood stars direct from the studio, on-the-scene

broadcasts of ball games, parades, dances, parties, special shows, church services and band concerts. Loudspeaker music broadcast over the city at Christmas proved so popular KANH has made it a daily feature for the enjoyment of the community. Only recently the station installed a big 50-wattspeaker in the Red Cross recreation hall to bring its programs to servicemen there.

At the present time, W. O. "Doc" Warren manages KANH, assisted by a staff of three.

Announcer Ross Bowden makes an on-the-scene broadcast of a parade



The console, heart of KANH broadcasts





## United States Air Force Liaison Office

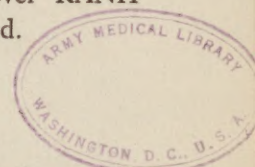
Originally inaugurated by the Army Air Forces in September of 1944 to assist in the administrative handling of Air Force patients, the newly named United States Air Force Liaison Office has become increasingly important as the Air Force has assumed its new autonomy. Directly under Headquarters, USAF, Liaison Officer Captain Robert E. Keegan acts as the designated representative of the Chief of Staff, USAF, in all matters pertaining to disposition, assignment, and separation of Air Force patients. Captain Keegan, who like most liaison officers completed a tour of combat missions, maintains an accurate accounting system of all Air Force patients admitted to Army & Navy and advises the commanding officer and his staff of the fast-changing personnel requirements of the Air Force. He counsels and assists patients in matters concerning allotments, life insurance, appearances before boards, baggage, decorations, enlistments, and in securing air transportation for patient personnel whenever practicable.



Captain Robert Keegan counsels an Air Corps veteran

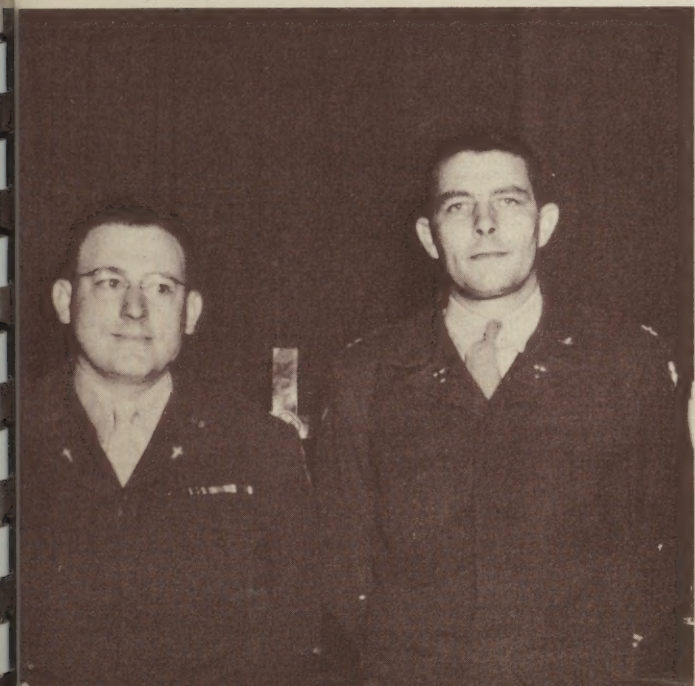
## Religion

Army and Navy always has two chaplains, one Catholic and one Protestant, on the post to minister to the spiritual needs of both the patients and the staff. Regular Sunday religious services are under the supervision of both in the hospital's own chapel in the Eastman Annex. In addition, Daily Mass is said in the small chapel next to the Catholic Chaplain's office and Jewish services are available at the Temple in the city. Regular Sunday services are broadcast over KANH for benefit of bed patients unable to attend.



The Protestant Chaplains

Captain James L. Pennington and Captain William G. Vincent



The Catholic Chaplain, Major John C. Radlinski, is always ready with help and service, or just a friendly chat





## *Veterans Administration Office*

Primary duties in this office consist of assisting veterans and their dependents, beneficiaries, and representatives in applying for all rights and benefits to which they are entitled under the laws as administered by the Veterans Administration.

In order to do this, personal interviews are held, ordinarily in wards, due to confinement of patients, with veterans or in cases of emergency, with representatives.

It advises claimants both confined and about to be separated as to rights to compensation, pension, educational benefits, guaranteed and insured loans for farms, businesses and homes, guardianship matters, burial allowances, application for a flag and headstone, hospitalization, out-patient treatment, readjustment allowance, National Service Life Insurance, & United States Government Life Insurance.

It also assists veterans in securing benefits administered by other agencies, such as reemployment rights, Civil Service preferences, mustering-out pay, terminal leave, bonds, arrears of pay, burial in National Cemeteries, legal assistance under Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, review of discharges, surplus property, priorities, RFC Loans, FSA Loans, homestead laws, and citizenship benefits.

### *Veterans Guidance Unit*



The Veterans Administration Office

## *Veterans Administration Guidance Unit*

An Advisement and Guidance Unit was established in this hospital September 22, 1947, with George A. Reid, Acting Chief, in Rooms 342, 343, 344 of the Eastman Annex.

Vocational Advisement is provided under Public Law 16, 78th Congress, for the purpose of helping the veteran who has a vocational handicap resulting from a service-connected disability in the selection of an employment objective and such training as will enable him to overcome his handicap by becoming qualified to secure a job for which the training will fit him. This counseling includes the analysis of the claimant's occupational capacities as affected by his disability, the study of his vocational interests and desires, and the application of occupational information for the purpose of determining need for vocational rehabilitation to overcome the vocational handicap and for the purpose of selecting a suitable employment objective which seem most suitable to restore employability lost by reason of the handicap.

Vocational Guidance is provided for non-disabled veterans and veterans having non-service connected disabilities when any such veterans who are entitled request such guidance under the provisions of Public Law 16 and 346, as amended. Vocational counselling and guidance is also available to veterans who are patients in this hospital.







